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Legal No. 17656LEGAL NOTICEPublic Scoping and 30 Day Comment PeriodHighway 180 Pronghorn Crossing ProjectThe Williams Ranger District of the Kaibab National Forest has prepared a Decision Memo (DM) to authorize the relocation of approximately 2 miles of the right-of-way fence along U.S. Highway 180 between mileposts 252252.5 and 253.7255 to improve the ability of pronghorn to cross the highway quickly and improve public safety. The proposed action description and other information are available for review at the Williams Ranger District Office, 742 S. Clover Road, Williams, Arizona. Additional information regarding these actions can be obtained from Roger Joos at (928) 635-5600 and at http://www.fs.usda.gov/projects/kaibab/landmanagement/projects.In light of a recent court ruling (Sequoia ForestKeeper v. Tidwell, 11-cv-00679-LJO-DLB (E.D. Cal.)), the Forest Service will provide public notice and opportunity for comment and administrative appeal for projects and activities documented with a Decision Memo (36 CFR 220.6(e)) until new instructions are issued by the Washington Office, or the Agency issues regulations addressing the Courts ruling. With this notice we are combining our scoping effort required by 36 CFR 220.4(e)(1) and the Notice and Comment requirement required by 36 CFR 215. Only those who provide comment or express interest in this proposal during this comment period will be eligible to appeal the decision pursuant to 36 CFR part 215 regulations. Written, facsimile, hand-delivered, oral, and electronic comments concerning this action will be accepted for 30 calendar days following the publication of this notice in the Arizona Daily Sun. The publication date in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the comment period for this analysis. Those wishing to comment should not rely upon dates or timeframes provided by any other source. The regulations prohibit extending the length of the comment period. It is the responsibility of persons providing comments to submit them by the close of the comment period. Individuals and organizations wishing to be eligible to appeal must meet the information requirements of 36 CFR 215.6. Written comments must be submitted to: Danelle D. Harrison, Williams District Ranger, 742 S. Clover Road, Williams, Arizona 86046-9122; Phone: (928) 635-5600; FAX: (928) 635-5680; or by email to comments-southwestern-kaibabwilliams@fs.fed.us, attention: Highway 180 Pronghorn Crossing Project. Comments may be submitted in Word (.doc or .docx), rich text format (.rtf), text (.txt), or hypertext markup language (.html). Comments may also be hand delivered weekdays 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at the Williams Ranger District. To be eligible to appeal once the decision is made, each individual or representative from each organization submitting comments must either sign the comments or verify identity upon request. Names and addresses of commenters become part of the public record. The U.S. Department of Agriculture is an equal opportunity provider and employer. PUB: Feb, 28, 2014 17656

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